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FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING SEQUENCE DATABASE COMPARISON

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe I am the original, joint and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING SEQUENCE DATABASE COMPARISON**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I hereby claim the benefit under U.S.C. §119(e) of the United States provisional application no. 60/211,811, filed June 14, 2000.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

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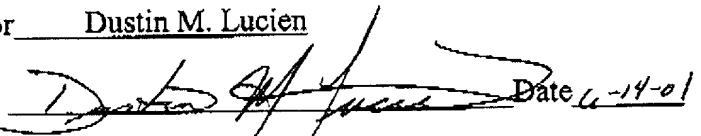
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